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Sir:

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST THAT AN INTERFERENCE BE DECLARED**

One of the papers originally filed with the present application on January 29, 2002, was a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Request That an Interference Be Declared ("SPA"). The SPA amended the present application to copy claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,184,473 ("the '473 patent"), and to request an interference with the '473 patent. The SPA also requested an interference with U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/756,533 ("the '533 application") and any other pending patent applications that claimed the benefit of the '473 patent and contained claims for the same patentable invention as the present application. Since the filing of the SPA, the '533 application issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,359,231 ("the '231 patent"). To reflect the change in status of the '533 application, Applicants submit this Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Request That an Interference Be Declared ("Second SPA").

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To improve clarity, this Second SPA not only updates the present application to reflect the issuance of the '231 patent, but also incorporates the request that an interference be declared from the earlier SPA. In short, concerning the '231 patent, this Second SPA:

- copies claims from the '231 patent;
- requests that an interference be declared with the '231 patent; and
- requests that an interference be declared with any pending patent applications that claim the benefit of the '231 patent and contain claims for the same patentable invention as the present application.

Concerning the '473 patent, this Second SPA incorporates from the SPA:

- copies claims from the '473 patent;
- the request that an interference be declared with the '473 patent; and
- the request that an interference be declared with any pending patent applications that claim the benefit of the '473 patent and contain claims for the same patentable invention as the present application.

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 74-100, as follows:

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